

## WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION OF YOLO COUNTY

July 10, 2012

Mr. Tom J. Lutterman California Department of Water Resources Division of Integrated Regional Water Management Regional Planning Branch Post Office Box 942836 Sacramento, CA 94236-0001

Subject: Letter of Support for *Real-time Groundwater Level Monitoring Network*AB 303 Grant Application – Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District

Dear Mr. Lutterman:

On behalf of the Water Resources Association of Yolo County (WRA), this letter is being submitted in support of the request by the Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District (YCFCWCD) for funding under Assembly Bill 303 (the Local Groundwater Management Act).

The YCFCWCD is the lead agency in managing the WRA's collaborative groundwater management program and its CASGEM involvement. This project, if funded, will significantly add to the knowledge base of the groundwater aquifer that is shared by a number of WRA member agencies, including: the cities of Davis, Winters and Woodland.

The establishment of a real-time groundwater level monitoring network builds on the already significant foundational groundwater actions described in the Yolo IRWMP (groundwater monitoring, modeling and subsidence programs). The information generated by this network will also be incorporated into the new Westside Sacramento Valley IRWMP that is currently under development. Besides the technical knowledge and insight that this project will provide, it also will create an innovative tool that will allow both groundwater professionals and the general public real-time access and understanding of local groundwater conditions.

Recognizing the importance of regional collaboration and good science and data to assist in proper planning and management of the surface and groundwater supplies of Yolo County, the Water Resources Association of Yolo County strongly encourages DWR to provide funding toward the *Real-time Groundwater Level Monitoring* proposal of the YCFCWCD, as requested in the AB 303 project application before you.

Sincerely,

William L. Marble, Chair

Water Resources Association of Yolo County



To advance the economic, social and environmental sustainability of Northern California by enhancing and preserving the water rights, supplies and water quality.

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Dear Mr. Lutterman:

On behalf of the Northern California Water Association (NCWA), this letter is being submitted in support of the request by the Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District (YCFCWCD) for funding under Assembly Bill 303 (the Local Groundwater Management Act) for the *Real-time Groundwater Level Monitoring Network*.

The YCFCWCD has been a true leader in the Northern California water managers' community in the area of groundwater resource management. They are always willing to share information and techniques associated with their remote monitoring system (SCADA) in general, and specifically on their innovative approach to continuous real-time monitoring of groundwater levels.

This project also includes an important public education component. Besides the technical knowledge and insight that this project will provide, it also will create an important tool that will allow both groundwater professionals and the general public real-time access and understanding of local groundwater conditions.

Recognizing the importance of regional collaboration and good science and data to assist in proper planning and management of the surface and groundwater supplies of the Sacramento Valley, the Northern California Water Association strongly encourages DWR to provide funding for the *Real-time Groundwater Level Monitoring Network* proposal of the YCFCWCD, as requested in the AB 303 project application before you.

Sincerely,

David Guy, President

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